(b) and (c) The details on growth of exports of the 'extreme focus products' are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(d) Currently, there are no proposals for expanding the number of items under 'extreme focus'.

Decontrolling Coffee Sales and Exports

2013. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to decontrol coffee sales and export; and

(b) if so, what is the rationale thereof and by when the decision is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A decision on the proposal to further decontrol of coffee sales has not been taken by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Permitting free sale of coffee to coffee growers

2014. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow coffee producers total free sale of coffee;

(b) what is the present system in this regard;

(c) what changes are envisaged;

(d) whether it is a fact that consumers would have to pay much higher prices for coffee; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A decision of the proposal to allow coffee producers total free sale of coffee has not been taken by Government.

(b) According to the present system of coffee marketing, the growers are expected to pool 50% of their produce with the Coffee Board. This coffee is cured and released to the market through a single auction system. The growers can sell the remaining 50% either in the domestic market or in the international market.

(c) A decision has not been taken by the Govt.

(d) and (e) The price of coffee is influenced by international movements in price, as well a s the supply — demand balance prevailing.

Agri-Expo and Ahara '95 Fairs

2015. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agri-expo and Ahara'95 have been organised in New Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether foreign countries participated in these fairs;

(d) if so, the names of such countries;

(e) whether some targets and objectives were fixed by the organisers;

(f) whether these have been achieved; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Agri-expo and Ahara'95 fairs were organised by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from March 8-14, 1995. While Agri-expo highlighted the Agriculture and allied sector, Ahara highlighted the food processing sector.

(c) and (d) In the Agri-expo'95 the Netherlands, Israel, USA and Nepal participated. In Ahara'95 France, Germany, Italy, Hongkong, U.K., Singapore, USA, U.A.E. and Finland took part.

(e) to (g) The main objective of these fairs was to project the capability of India and other participating countries in the Agriculture and Food processing sectors

etc. and to provide a forum to them for interaction in these areas and generate business.

As reported by ITPO, business amounting to Rs. 550 crores has been booked in these fairs. Most of the participants are reported to have expressed their satisfaction towards achievements of their objectives of participation, quality and cost-effectiveness of fairs and trade results and confirmed their willingness for repeat participation.

मांस के निर्यात पर प्रतिबंध लगाया जाना

2016. **श्री राघव जी:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को भारत से मांस के निर्यात करने पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के लिए कोई सुझाव या ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) मांस के निर्यात पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के संबंध में विभिन्न संगठनों/व्यक्तियों से प्रतिवेदन मिले हैं। गाय के मांस को छोड़कर जिसका निर्यात पहले से ही प्रतिबंधित है, मांस के निर्यात पर प्रतिबंध लगाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Enhancement in Payment Rate by Coffee Board to Coffee Growers

2017. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coffee Board recently announced an enhancement in the initial payment rate for the 1994-95 crop season from Rs. 36 per point to Rs. 45 per point to the growers for the coffee being pooled with the Board;

(b) whether the payment of Rs. 45 per point was the highest ever offered to the growers;

(c) if so, the reaction of the coffee growers to this hike;

(d) how far it helped to control the domestic prices particularly at the retail level;

(e) whether Government has by now decided on the growers demand for getting a 100 per cent free-sale quota (FSQ) for the current crop; and

(f) if so, what and how far will it go towards the lowering of domestic prices and obviate the import of coffee under the OGL (Open General Licence) list of imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Coffee growers have generally welcomed this because of existing high market prices of coffee.

(d) This has encouraged growers to pool their coffee with the Coffee Board thereby resulting in larger volumes being available for auction.

(e) Final decision on the proposal for granting a higher FSQ has not been taken by the Government.

(f) Does not arise.

Impact of Agreement on Transit Trade Route on India's Trade

2018. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the impact of China, Pakistan, Kazakhstan and Kyreghyzstan having finalised an agreement on transit trade route with Central Asian Republics at a conference held in Islamabad earlier this month, on India's trade with these Republics;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) steps proposed to meet this threat posed to India's trade?